

Parkinson Canada Travel Award Program 2025

Background:

Parkinson Canada is pleased to provide travel awards to support exceptional trainees to attend globally-recognized conferences related to Parkinson's Disease, so that they can present their research, further their education and participate in career-building activities.

Eligibility:

Eligibility can vary and is based on the purpose of the conference (see below). If an applicant falls outside of the stated eligibility guidelines for a given conference, we will consider applications from other individuals on a case-by-case basis. A maximum of 1 travel award will be given to members of the same lab or clinic for each meeting.

Award Value:

- \$1,000 CAD per applicant will be awarded for conferences in North America
- \$1,500 CAD per applicant will be awarded for conferences outside of continental North America
- Funds are intended to cover the costs of conference registration, transportation to the event, and/or accommodation. All other costs will not be considered.

Eligible Conferences:

| Conference | Eligibility | Meeting Date | Meeting Location | Deadline to Apply |
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| AD/PD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD candidates • Postdoctoral fellows • Medical residents • Clinical fellows | April 1-5 | Vienna, Austria | Mar. 1 |
| Synuclein Meeting | | April 8-11 | Cambridge, UK | Mar. 8 |
| GBA1 Meeting | | June 5-8 | Montreal, QC | May 5 |
| GRC - Parkinson's Disease | | June 8-11 | Waterville Valley, NH | May 8 |
| International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders | | Oct. 5-9 | Honolulu, Hawaii | Sept. 5 |
| Other Conferences related to PD | | Any | Any | Rolling deadline |

Application Requirements:

- 1) Applicant Information: name, address, email, institution, training level, etc.
- 2) Supervisor Information: name, address, email, institution, etc.
- 3) Applicant CV: Using Parkinson Canada biographical sketch template
- 4) Funds requested and budget breakdown
- 5) Presentation details:
 - a. Poster or Oral presentation

- b. Presentation title
 - c. Submitted Abstract
 - d. Proof of Abstract Acceptance for Conference
- 6) Justification Statement: What do you hope to achieve, gain and learn from attending this conference, and how will your participation influence your career-growth? (500 words maximum).

Review Process:

1. Applications will be reviewed for :1) completion 2) proof of an accepted abstract, 3) a strongly written justification statement that adequately demonstrates a strong connection with the applicant's training and that there will be a concrete benefit for participating in the meeting, and 4) a completed, well-justified budget breakdown.
2. Travel Awards will be offered on a first-come first-serve basis for each eligible conference.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Use of Funds: A proposed budget will be provided along with the application materials to justify how the awarded funds will be used. It is expected that awardees will book travel and accommodation options within a reasonable price range for the meeting destination.
2. Payment of Award Funds. Proof-of-payment for all eligible costs must be retained for later reimbursement. After the conference, Parkinson Canada will reimburse the awardee for the eligible costs up to the maximum amount for their funded travel award in Canadian Dollars. Expense reports for reimbursement must be submitted no later than 3 months after the end date of the conference. Parkinson Canada reserves the right to reject reimbursement for any expenses that are deemed to be out of the reasonable price range for the expense in question.
3. Travel Award Distribution: A maximum of 1 travel award will be given to members of the same lab or clinic for each conference.
4. General Terms and Conditions: Please be advised that some of Parkinson Canada's general terms and conditions may also apply to this funding opportunity. For more information, please visit our [website](#) to download our General Terms and Conditions document.